LEVEL ONE!

Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting
Acts 2:2

Soundings

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The Power of ONE

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On November 19 more than 500 people from the Northwest gathered together at Seattle University for *The Power of ONE: Faith and Global Justice Conference.*

The conference highlighted the goals to make poverty history, the ONE Campaign and the efforts of many working towards justice. Rick Steves, a well-known local celebrity and travel writer, and The Rev. Mpho Tutu, daughter of Bishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, were featured as keynote speakers.

The Rev. Mpho Tutu encouraged the audience to be advocates, "Our representatives want to be seen as representing us. If it's not important enough to tell them what's important, then it's not important to us. Pick up your pens and get writing!" Rick Steves opened hearts and minds with humorous travel stories that allowed him to speak truth about global injustice and our role as Americans in our ever expanding world.

Several workshops were available, each emphasizing different elements of the Millennium Development Goals and were led by qualified professionals in their field. The event was supported by an unprecedented coalition of local and national anti-poverty and

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development groups. The Northwest Washington Synod was a sponsor of this event.

The Power of ONE

A participant commented, "I'm encouraged to see so many people gathered to make a difference. Together, we are building the political will to overcome hunger and poverty!" Just being part of the event was exciting and energizing. There was a solid Lutheran presence.

Participants were asked to sign on to the ONE Campaign, urging Congress to increase by 1percent the funds going to bring an end to extreme hunger. To date over two million people have signed this petition.

You can download Rick Steve's message, *How travel changed my Perspective and Politics*, at http://www.bread.org/MDG_events/Seattle/index.htm. If you would like to introduce the ONE Campaign in your congregation check out resources at www.elca.org/advocacy; or www.Bread.org.

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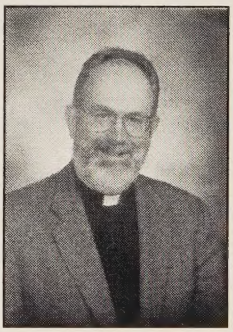
A Word From The Bishop



The Reverend
Chris Boerger

Normally this article is prefaced by a verse from scripture. This month I invite you to turn to the 16th chapter of Romans. It is too long to print as the heading in this article, but it does speak of St. Paul's relationship with the congregation he hoped to use as a base for further missionary activity. I remember Dr. Fred Danker commenting that the names used told us much about social classes and ethnicities of the early church.

A much different document, the annual parochial report from your congregation, is used to tell the rest of the church about your congregation. These reports are used in many different ways.

I recently experienced talking to potential nominees for call process who looked at the ELCA website to get the congregational profile as we talked about what it might mean for them to consider a call to a particular congregation. I have also participated on an interview committee for a churchwide staff person. One of the members of the committee also used the website profile to see how the words on the application form were confirmed by the reports to the larger church.

These parochial reports are also used to determine the number of members we are allotted for the churchwide assembly. They give us a snap shot of the ways in which the congregational benevolences are shared locally and with the larger church. They tell us about the ethnicities of the church today.

There has been a disturbing trend in the Northwest Washington Synod in recent years. In 2001 we had 19 of our 115 congregations not file their reports. Last year 36 of the 112 congregations did not file the report. For a while I thought that I would just keep quiet and that maybe the number would get better. But I can't. The fact is that we do use this information and it is used in a variety of ways to look at what we are doing in each congregation.

So again I request that each congregation assign the responsibility to file the annual parochial report to someone who will see that it is filed electronically online or through the mail to the Synod office by February 15, 2006. Filling out forms is not our reason for being and was never my first priority in the parish. I gave the job to someone who worked with numbers and the financial data. It can be filed before your audit committees finish their work.

In this limited way we hold each other accountable for the trust we have received to lead our congregations. If this were just forms for the sake of bureaucracy, I would ignore them too. But they are not. I am asking that you see how this information is used and how this information will be used in the years to come. Again, the deadline for filing is February 15. That is two months ahead of those other forms we file.

Doing The Work Of The Synod

by Kim Unti, Chair, 2006 Nominations Committee

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The 2006 Synod Assembly will elect persons to serve in the capacities described below for which nominations are being sought.

- **Synod Vice President:** The vice president chairs the synod council.
- **Synod Secretary:** Primary responsibilities of the secretary are keeping and distributing minutes for meetings of the synod assembly, synod council, and the executive committee and classifying and arranging important papers and documents for deposit in the archives of the synod.
- **Synod Council:** The Synod Council is the board of directors of this synod and serves as the interim legislative authority between meetings of the Synod Assembly. The Synod Council's responsibilities include: to exercise trusteeship responsibilities on behalf of this synod; to recommend program goals and budgets to the regular meetings of the Synod Assembly; to carry out the resolutions of the Synod Assembly. The Synod Council generally meets on the third Saturday every other month, beginning in January. Each Synod Council member also serves as liaison with one of the committees and with several congregations. Positions on the council include youth, lay people, lay people of color and/or whose primary language is other than English, and ordained clergy. Synod Council members are elected to serve a four year term.
- **2007 Churchwide Assembly:** The Synod Assembly will elect nine persons to serve as voting members of the Churchwide Assembly which will be held August 6–12, 2007, in Chicago. The Bishop and Vice President will be ex officio voting members of the Churchwide Assembly. The Synod Assembly will elect three clergy persons, three lay male persons, and three lay female persons. At least one of those elected shall be a person of color or whose primary language is other than English.

Please find the nominations form in this newsletter and on the synod website. Reproduce the form and make it available to qualified people. The deadlines for the nominations are as follows:

- **Wednesday, March 1**—All nominations must be submitted to the synod office
- **Saturday, March 18**—The synod council will receive the nominations committee report
- **April**—Voters will receive the 2006 Synod Assembly business packet

We are searching for nominees from throughout the synod in hopes to have good geographical representation. If you have questions concerning the process or details of the positions, please contact me.

2006 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly

Deadlines for Resolutions

by Rev. Christopher D. Berry, Chair

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This is a call for resolutions to be submitted to the 2006 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly. The synod council has adopted the following deadlines for the submission of resolutions:

Any resolutions to be considered by the 2006 Synod Assembly shall be received in the office of the chairperson of the Reference and Counsel Committee by March 1, 2006, unless the Synod Council or the Reference and Counsel Committee determines that it is consistent with provisions of the Standing Rules adopted by the Synod Assembly for consideration.

For the Reference and Counsel Committee to do its job correctly, we must have the information that is provided on the resolution submittal form, including daytime phone number and email address of the person responsible for submitting the resolution. We are committed to working with the drafters of the resolutions, but we need to be able to correspond if needed.

This year, for the first time, the Synod Council has added a section to the submittal form entitled "Implications of Resolution".

1. What is the financial impact of this resolution on the synod budget? If expenditures are required, what are the sources of income anticipated to accomplish the purpose of the resolution?
2. What are the personnel implications within our synod (or churchwide)? Who will be responsible for implementation of the resolution?
3. How does this resolution enhance and forward the mission of the church and our synod?

We feel that if this information is provided it will better assist members of the assembly in their discernment of the resolutions.

The form may be found on the Synod Web Site at: www.lutheransnw.org/news/Assembly2006.

If anyone would like to submit a resolution to the Assembly, but needs information or help in drafting their resolution, please email me with your questions. A member of the committee will be more than happy to help you in your endeavor.

Synod Council Update

by Sharon Greenwood, Vice President

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The Synod Council met on November 19 at Faith in Bellingham. The Council made appointments as follows:

- 2006 Nominating Committee: Kim Unti (St. Matthew's, Renton), chair, and Sue Logghe (Faith, Bellingham).
- Lay Theological Education Committee: Dr. Eldon Olson, chair, Dr. Roger Anderson (Queen Anne, Seattle), Sharon Greenwood (Queen Anne, Seattle), Dr. Michael Halvorson (Phinney Ridge, Seattle), Sue Houglum (St. Andrew's, Bellevue), Rev. Mitchell Jones (First of Richmond Beach, Shoreline).
- Task Force for Nominations and Election of a Bishop in 2007: Carlos Aguero (Fir-Conway, Mount Vernon), Rev. L. Paul Bartling (Luther Memorial, Seattle), Mark Jackson (St. Andrew's, Bellevue), Gunbjorg Ladstein (Ballard First, Seattle), Mary Beth Short (Prince of Peace, SeaTac).
- Rev. Stephen Grumm (Prince of Peace, SeaTac) and Stacy Kitahata (Region 1 Staff) to a newly created White Center Exploration Team to explore ministry opportunities in the White Center community of Seattle and to oversee the synod owned property in White Center, formerly known as St. James Lutheran Church.

The Council affirmed decisions regarding the sale of congregation property by St. Stephen's in Shoreline and Gethsemane in Seattle; authorized the Bishop to take Renton in Renton and Harbour Pointe in Mukilteo under voluntary synodical administration in accordance with S13.25; approved a plan from the Russian Companion Synod Team to raise funds for Russian Companion Synod Support; and approved the Maritime Ministry Board's request to hire Paul Tan as a part-time port chaplain. The Council also took action on several matters related to the 2006 Synod Assembly, as follows:

- Approved the 2006 Synod Assembly budget and registration fees.
- Established deadlines for nominations and resolutions. (Please see related articles on pages 3 and 4.)
- Approved a new rule, which will be included in the Standing Rules for proposal to the 2006 Synod Assembly. (Please see related article on page 4.)

The Council approved a new bylaw to propose to the Synod Assembly that would provide for the synod vice president to be ex-officio voting member of the Churchwide Assembly.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Outreach, the Council approved grants to be made from the New and Renewing Ministries

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State Advocate's Corner

by The Rev. Paul Benz

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Happy New Year! I look forward to working with all of you in 2006 as we continue to be the public church advocating justice for all of God's creation – particularly the least of these in our midst.

The state legislature convenes on Monday, Jan. 9, and will be in session for 60 days concluding on March 9. Our state constitution organizes our legislature on a two year (biennium) cycle. The primary focus is on the budget and 2006 is the supplemental year or second year of the 2005-2007 biennium. Our state has a surplus of between one to two billion dollars because of economic improvement. A lot of this surplus will be used to replenish our state pension fund, teacher pay increases and a state "rainy day" fund. Our State Legislative Priorities are:

- Reducing Hunger & Poverty—Increase School Breakfast funding and monthly welfare grant.
- Increasing the Availability & Affordability of Housing & Health Care—Increase funding for the Children's Health Program, the Housing Trust Fund, and the Washington Families Fund
- Support Issues of Economic Justice & Criminal Justice—Establish payday lending regulations and a state living wage
- Caring for the Environment and Promoting Sustainable Agriculture—Support Biological Intensive Organic agriculture research and biodiesel fuel legislation
- Advocating for Civil and Human Rights
- Reform of State tax structure

The 2006 Lutheran Advocacy Day will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, in Olympia. The event will begin at Gull Harbor Lutheran Church, 4610 Boston Harbor Road Northeast. Cost is $15, which includes materials and lunch. RSVP to jleisk@ltsg.edu or call 206-464-4133. (Please see related article on page 8.)

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Fund, which was designated by action of the 2004 Synod Assembly. The approved grants are for:

- Morningstar Lutheran Church, Monroe, renewal and redesign, $25,000
- The Compass Center, Seattle, new ministry formation, $20,000
- Sno-King Emergent Ministry, new start, $35,000
- White Center Mission Development, Seattle, maximum of $20,000

For additional information or to offer input to the Synod Council, please contact any member of the council. You may find contact information for council members at www.lutheransnw.org/about/council.asp. The next Synod Council meeting will take place on Saturday, Jan. 21 at St. Andrew's in Bellevue.

Common Lutheran Voice

by Sharon Greenwood, Synod Vice President

What is Common Lutheran Voice? Common Lutheran Voice began about a year ago by the directors of Lutheran Community Services NW, Lutheran Alliance to Create Housing, Compass Center, Lutheran Public Policy Office and Lutheran Volunteer Corps. The purpose was to explore ways in which social service agencies in this synod might work together around common concerns.

During 2005, staff, board members and supporters of these agencies gathered for three workshops to explore how our faith informs and empowers us to advocate for social change and justice on behalf of those who are poor, powerless and vulnerable.

Our next event will be on Thursday, Feb. 9, when we gather in Olympia for Lutheran Advocacy Day. Lutheran Public Policy Office is planning a day that will inform and equip us to put our faith into action. The day will include a briefing on the issues, a worship service with Bishop Chris Boerger preaching and the opportunity to meet with our own legislators.

Please join with us on Thursday, Feb 9. Be included in our Common Lutheran Voice as we tell our leaders in state government that we Lutherans care. We care about them and thank them for serving on our behalf. And, we care about our neighbors in this state, all of our neighbors.

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Synod Church Leaders To Gather

A Leadership Support Conference will take place on Thursday, Sept. 28, in Lynnwood. This conference is geared towards gathering the various church leaders—clergy, parish administrators, youth directors, church musicians, etc.—for a day of education. Rob Wall and Tony Robinson will be the keynote speakers. The day will also include a variety of workshops. Here is where we need your help.

Karen Dicken, parish administrator at Holy Spirit in Kirkland, and Anita Proudfoot, administrative assistant at Gethsemane in Seattle, are coordinating the event. To better meet your needs, concerns, and areas of interest, they are asking that you send them any ideas for workshops you would be interested in attending at this conference. Send your ideas to Karen at parishadmin@hslckirkland.org or to Anita at aproudfoot@urbanfaith.org.

In The Emerald City

Association of Lutheran Church Musicians

The 2006 Region IV ALCM Conference is planned for July 7 through 10 at Seattle University. There will be workshops designed for clergy, composers, organists/pianists/instrumentalists, singers, worship planners. There will be banquets and receptions, opportunities to exchange ideas, meet new colleagues, renew old friendships. Worship, plenary sessions, and workshops will focus on texts for the 2007 Epiphany Season, Cycle C.

The conference to be held on the Seattle University campus. It will begin Friday, July 7, in the afternoon and end late Sunday, July 10. This conference will take you beyond the campus to Whidbey Island where we will share in many feasts—global music, food (crab, chicken and more), a eucharistic festival on the beach celebrating The Baptism of Our Lord.

Our plenary speakers include Samuel Torvend, professor in the Religion Department at Pacific Lutheran University; Paul Hoffman, ELCA clergy and pastor at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle; and Susan Briehl, ELCA clergy from Spokane. Musicians David Dahl, PLU professor emeritus, will lead us in a hymn festival on the island featuring a Pasi organ; C. Michael Hawn will lead us in global music; Janet Satre Ahrend, organ professor at Gonzaga University in Spokane, will play the post-compline recital at St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle on Sunday evening.

Watch for registration materials online at the ALCM site, Region IV link, at www.alcm.org. The conference planners encourage pastors and musicians to experience this conference together and are offering a break in the fees for pastors/musicians registering together.

The Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) stands as a strong and successful service and professional organization, with membership close to 1500, dedicated to the cause of strengthening the ministry of music in the Lutheran Church. It serves through a wide range of publications, conferences, and local, regional, and national events. Membership is drawn from all major Lutheran bodies.

Caring Ministry Workshop

First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach in Shoreline is hosting a half-day Caring Ministry Workshop, sponsored by Stephen Ministries of St. Louis, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4.

This is a wonderful opportunity for other congregations to receive hands-on ministry training and to learn more about Stephen Ministry and to get involved. The cost of the workshop is $15 per person or $50 per congregation for a group of four or more.

For more information, please contact First Lutheran at 206-546-4153.

Hope For Mission; Hope For Future

The 2006 Region One Pastors Conference is scheduled for April 24 through April 27 (Monday afternoon through Thursday morning) at the Hotel Grand Pacific in Victoria, British Columbia. The theme for this year's conference is *Hope for Mission; Hope for the Future.* Presenters are Dr. Barbara Rossing, professor of the New Testament at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, and Dr. Richard Bliese, president of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dr. Rossing is author of "Exposing the Rapture - The Bible and the Best Sellers", " Exposing the Rapture - Prophecy and Prediction", " A Violent Jesus". For more information about Dr. Rossing visit www.lstc.edu. Dr. Bliese is author of "Evangelism and the Miner's Canary", " Evangelism within a Missional Ecclesiology (The Mission Matrix)", and " Joshua, the Wilderness, and the Waters of Transformation". For more information about Dr. Bliese visit www.luthersem.edu.

For more information about the Region One Conference please visit www.region1pastors.org.

Update

ELCA Board of Pensions

- **Take The Health Risk Assessment**—The annual Mayo Clinic Health Risk Assessment will be available Jan. 1 through Feb. 28. To prepare for this health and wellness opportunity, ELCA rostered leaders, churchworkers, seminarians and family members should locate recent cholesterol, blood sugar and blood pressure numbers and register at the ELCA's wellness web site, www.elcaforwellness.org. (Those who have previously registered can visit the site to request a user name or password reminder.)
- **Watch For 2006 Plan Changes**—The Board of Pensions is committed to maintaining the affordability of the ELCA health plan and encouraging health and wellness. In keeping with this commitment, some changes have been made to the health plan for 2006. For a list of health plan and prescription drug changes including detailed downloadable information, see www.elcabop.org/news_events/plan_changes/
- **Flexible Spending Account Limit Increased**—Flexible spending accounts can help employees manage out-of-pocket expenses for health care or day care costs. For those already taking advantage of a flexible spending account through ARC, a new two-and-a-half month grace period and an increased annual health care account reimbursement limit of $3,000 are available to begin Jan. 1. Learn more at www.elcabop.org/resources_tools/administrators/fsa.asp

Youth and Family Ministry

Partners for Nurture

The 2006 Partners for Nurture event will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28, at Trinity Lutheran College in Issaquah. Join 200 other Christian education volunteers for a day-long training and refreshment event! The day includes keynote sessions and over 30 workshops to choose from. Keynote speaker is Bishop Chris Boerger. Make this day a "gift" for your Christian education staff by bringing the whole team! More information at www.tlc.edu/partners.

Extravaganza

ELCA Youth Ministry Network EXTRAVAGANZA will be held from February 2-5 in Phoenix, AZ. This is a Continuing Education conference for adults involved in youth & family ministry. For more information visit www.elcaymnet.org.

Service Learning

Focus on Youth & Family Ministry: Service Learning— This event will be held from February 17-18 at Trinity Lutheran College in Issaquah. This year's focus is on incorporating service learning in congregational youth ministry programs. Partnering with SALLT (see below), FOYM will provide adults with basic training in service learning and provide tools for practical application in congregations. This is an excellent event for youth workers, Christian educators, volunteers and pastors.

2006 Holden Youth Weekends

The popular May youth weekend retreats at Holden Village are now sponsored by Trinity Lutheran College, in partnership with Holden and local congregations. Enjoy speakers, workshops, music and (of course) the beauty of Holden Village. Holden is located in the Cascade Mountains above the west end of Lake Chelan, Washington. It provides a beautiful place "set apart" for these great events. Download registration forms at www.tlc.edu.

SALLT Project

The SALLT (Service and Learning Leadership Training) Project will train more than 100 young adults, 100 high school students and 70 adult youth leaders over the next two years. Funded by a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, SALLT is a partnership between Trinity Lutheran College, Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center, Lutheran Community Services Northwest, Northwest Washington Synod Youth Ministries, campus ministries (PLU, UW and WWU) and the Lutheran Public Policy office of Washington. Interested youth or adults are encouraged to contact Dave Ellingson at ellingson@tlc.edu or 425-961-5541.

News and Notes

- Congratulations to the members of **Prince of Peace, SeaTac.** They celebrated their 50th Anniversary in November.
- Congratulations to the members of **St. Matthew, Renton.** They celebrated the congregation's 50th Anniversary in October.
- Congratulations to **Rev. William Sappington** who was installed on December 11 as Pastor for Worship and Outreach at Sammamish Hills.
- **Spring Bishop's Convo**— A special Bishop's Convo will be held on Thursday, March 16. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The Convo will end at 3 p.m. More details to follow.
- **The Northwest Washington 2006 Synod Assembly** will take place on Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3, at the Lynnwood Convention Center, 3711 196th Street SW, Lynnwood. The theme will be Global Mission and World Hunger. Keynote speaker for this year's Assembly is the Reverend Howard (Howie) Wennes.
- **Bethany of the Northwest in Everett** is in need of a set of altar paraments and candle set for one of our nursing homes. Please contact Pr. Rod Vereb, Director of Pastoral services, at 425-551-6316 or email at rodv@bethanynw.org.
- ***Being Human***, a radio program **Rev. Terry Kyllo**, pastor at Celebration in Anacortes, airs at 7 a.m. on KAPS 660AM in Mount Vernon. The program is also now available for download for podcasting at www.podcasterhosting.com/rss/49.
- **The Rt. Rev. Vincent W. Warner**, bishop of the Episcopal Church in Western Washington, announced his retirement and the call for the election of his successor when the Diocese of Olympia met in convention in November. In 2006, a search committee will collect names from around the world, narrowing the list to three or four finalists. These candidates will visit the diocese and a special electing convention will be called, most likely in the first quarter of 2007.
- **The Lutheran magazine has a new editor.** On Nov. 11, the ELCA Church Council elected **Daniel J. Lehmann,** 54, as editor of The Lutheran to a four-year term, effective Jan. 1. Lehmann has extensive reporting and editing experience including as a religion writer for the Chicago Sun Times.

Within Our Family

To Keep In Our Prayers...

We continue to hold in our prayers:

- † **Rev. Ben Bretheim (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Chuck Davis,** Counseling Associates in Edmonds, and his **wife Nancy**
- † **Rev. Carol Jensen,** St. John United, Seattle
- † **Sylvia Maier, wife of The Rev. Don Maier (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Robert Moylan (ret.) and his wife Pat**
- † **Rev. Phil Petrasek ,** pastor at Christ in Ferndale
- † **Rev. Jim Schoeld (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Norris Stoa (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Ron Soine (ret.)**

We pray for:

† **The family Cheryl Story, Associate in Ministry.** Cheryl's mother died in November in Michigan. Cheryl has brought her 91 year old father back to Seattle with her and asks for prayers for him as he makes the huge adjustment of losing his wife and moving to a new city.

† **Bishop Robert D. Hofstad,** Southwestern Washington Synod, who recently underwent surgery to remove a tumor on his pituitary gland. Cards may be sent to: 420 121st St S, Tacoma, WA 98444-5218.

† **Sally Winkel, wife of the Rev Robert Winkel,** had surgery in November. Cards can be sent to: Sally Winkel, PO Box 1209, Kingston, WA 98346-1209.

† **The family of The Rev. Gordon Coates (ret.).** Rev. Coates passed away in November. His funeral was held at Trinity in Parkland. Rev. Coates served for 11 years as pastor of Peace in Tacoma and 17 years as pastor at Lakeridge in Seattle. He retired in 1987 due to failing health. Cards can be sent in care of:Trinity Lutheran Church, 12115 Park Ave S, Tacoma, WA 98444. Peace to his memory.

† **The family of Helen Solberg** who died on December 6. Her husband was Clarence Solberg, retired bishop of North pacific District, ALC. Her family is rejoicing through their tears because she was ready when God called. Her memorial service was held at First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach. Memorials can be made to Trinity Lutheran College in Issaquah for scholarships to international students, to FaithTrust Institute in Seattle or to Compass Health in Everett.

† **The Rev. Lou Gabrielsen (ret.) and his wife Dee** as they continue to recuperate from a car accident.

In The Region 1 Resource Center

Video Resources

In The Resource Center

To reserve videos, contact Region 1 at 206-624-0093, ext. 100

How to Read the Book of Revelation* and *The Rapture Racket

Barbara Rossing, Associate Professor of New Testament at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, presents these two interesting course topics from the LSTC popular "SELECT" series of videos. Both videos include discussion guides.

How to Read the Book of Revelation (V1413) is presented in eight one-hour sessions that explore the imagery and purpose of Revelations as well as its interpretive life through the centuries in theology, politics, worship, music, archaeology, liberation struggles and popular culture.

In The Rapture Racket (V1414), Dr. Rossing vigorously challenges the teaching of those who espouse "the rapture." She examines and critiques the passages in the Bible which are said to predict the rapture. The video is 72 minutes in length and is presented in three segments.

Northwest Washington Synod Transitions

	Location/Event	Effective Date
Calls Accepted		
Jocelyn Carson	Gloria Dei, Alderwood Manor	11/13/2005
Lynne Ogren	Oak Harbor, Oak Harbor	11/12/2005
William Sappington	Sammamish Hills, Sammamish	11/26/2005
Installations		
William Sappington	Sammamish Hills, Sammamish	12/11/2005
Occasions		
50th Anniversary	Prince of Peace, SeaTac	11/13/2005
50th Anniversary	St. Matthew, Renton	10/1/2005
Ordinations/Commissionings		
Jocelyn Carson	Bethel, Shoreline	11/13/2005
Lynne Ogren	Oak Harbor, Oak Harbor	11/12/2005
William Sappington	American, Billings, Montana	11/26/2005
Resignations		
Tom McMichael	Hope, Lynden	11/15/2005
Joanne Pearson	Zion, Custer	12/1/2005
Constance Miller Vineyard	Holy Trinity, Mercer Island	11/20/2005

Editor's Note: For the most up-to-date listing of transitions and mobility please visit our website at www.lutheransnw.org and click on Leadership. That website page is updated weekly, when necessary.

(This month, Transitions can be found on page 14.)

Northwest Washington Synod Mobility

In Call Process	Position	Status	Current Pastor, Interim Pastor, or Supply Pastor
Bainbridge Island, Bethany	A/SP	P	Marty Dasler, Lead Pastor
Bellevue, Cross of Christ	PR	P	Maynard Atik, Interim
Bellingham, Our Saviour's	PR	I	John Olson, Interim
Bellingham, St. John	PR	C	Supply
Burien, Glendale	PR	I	Douglas Stensby, Interim
Camano, Camano Island	PR	I	Chris Anderson, Interim
Edmonds, Edmonds	PR	TR	Katheryn Schlechter and Linda Nou, Interim Pastors
Everett, Faith	PR	TR	Kathleen Anderson, Interim
Lynden, Hope	PR	TR	Jean Barrington, Interim
Mountlake Terrace, Bethesda	PR	I	Supply
Point Roberts, Trinity	PR	TR	Larry Thompson, Supply
Redmond, Faith	PR	TR	Paul Wuest, Interim
Renton, St. Matthew (#1)	A	C	Kirby Unti, Lead Pastor
Renton, St. Matthew (#2)	A	C	Kirby Unti, Lead Pastor
Seattle, Calvary	PR	NV	Supply
Seattle, St. Paul's of Shorewood	PR	P	Supply
Stanwood, Freeborn	PR	TR	Supply
Stanwood, Our Saviour's	PR	TR	Mike Swain, Interim
Woodenville, Wooden Cross	PR	TR	Tim Wolbrecht, Interim

Mobility Position Key:

PR = Pastor
A = Associate
AIM = Associate in Ministry
DM = Diaconal Minister
A/SP = Associate with Special Emphasis contact Synod Office)

Mobility Status Key:

I = Interviewing
C = Calling
NV = New Vacancy
V = Vacancy
SC = Synod Call
TR = Transition process
P = Profile presented (receiving nominations)
TR/DO = Div for Outreach Transformation Process

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